

Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Citizens Advisory Committee

Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2008 McCloskey Conference Room 135, City Hall

Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner. Audio recordings from the meeting are available in the Planning Department for full reference.

Attendance

Citizens Advisory Committee (Voting Members): Chair Jack Baker (McDoel Gardens NA), Vice-Chair Patrick Murray (Prospect Hill NA), Natalie Wrubel (League of Women Voters), Jerry Stasny (Old Northeast NA), Buff Brown (Bloomington Transportation Options for People), Ted Miller (citizen), Steve Forrest (citizen and patriot), Brian Allen (Old Northeast NA), Elizabeth Cox-Ash (McDoel Gardens NA), and Sarah Ryterband (Prospect Hill NA).

Others In Attendance (including Non-Voting CAC Members): Bill Hayden (Bloomington Bicycle Club), Brandon O'Leary (South Griffey NA), Ann Kreilkamp (Green Acres NA), Kevin Polk (Green Acres NA), Jacqui Bauer (Environmental Commission), Scott Truex (Ball State University), Scott Robinson (MPO staff), and Raymond Hess (MPO Staff).

I. Call to Order (~6:35PM)

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March 26, 2008 meeting were accepted by the CAC with minor corrections.

III. Communications from the Chair

Mr. Baker was not at the last meeting. Mr. Murray had no reports.

IV. Reports from the Officers and/or Committees

Mr. Scott Truex from Ball State University gave an overview of the work that can be done by students from Ball State University as part of the Community Based Project initiative. The students have successfully worked with other communities to help them get organized and develop a unified vision for a particular project. They do this through extensive public input by working with the local government entity, other stakeholders, the media, and various forms of technological input. Projects tend to be design focused and range in scope from comprehensive plans, greenways studies, new park designs, corridor studies, transit oriented development studies, neighborhood plans, historic preservation studies, and infill guidelines, among others. Mr. Truex explained that students can facilitate projects either through a charette-like project which tries to build community consensus on a particular project/problem or through a studio-like project which may be a specific landscape architecture project (though there is less assurance that a studio project will be sponsored by a faculty member). Mr. Baker encouraged CAC members to develop ideas that can be forwarded to Mr. Truex for his consideration.

V. Reports from the MPO Staff

Mr. Hess distributed and reviewed a memorandum on Safe Routes to School grant applications. The City of Bloomington would like to request \$100,000 for small scale

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safety improvements (crosswalk striping, signage, traffic calming, etc.) at Summit, Childs, Jackson Creek, and Harmony School. Additionally, the Monroe County Community School Corporation would like to apply for \$75,000 in funding to develop Safe Routes to School Plans for University, Highland Park, Fairview, Tri-North, Arlington, and Binford/Roger/St. Charles. Mr. Brown motioned to recommend endorsement of both applications to the Policy Committee. Mr. Hayden seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

VI. Old Business

A. Complete Streets Policy

Mr. Baker indicated that due to time constraints, the Committee would reserve further discussion of this agenda item for the next meeting. Mr. Baker reviewed a newly drafted introduction which was identified as a need at the last meeting of the CAC. He encouraged Committee members to continue their consideration of this issue and email comments to his attention.

B. SR 45/46 Bypass

Mr. Baker reviewed previous comments from the Committee about the project which included improper design speed and outdated design. Ms. Kreilkamp asked about the feasibility of a sound wall along SR 45/46 Bypass shielding the Green Acres neighborhood from sound generated by increased traffic. It was suggested that INDOT would be responsible for including this in their project and that the project's study, which is likely outdated, indicated that a sound wall was not necessitated.

C. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY 2009 - 2010

Mr. Baker stated that the CAC is being asked to form a recommendation on the UPWP to the Policy Committee. Mr. Miller expressed appreciation for incorporation of his suggestion to include north/south connectivity into the North Campus Area Study (Element 202). Ms. Ryterband asked about the creation of a regional transportation authority and the MPO's relationship with the Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA). Mr. Hess replied that MPO staff has established a relationship with CIRTA and will attend meetings on a regular basis. Mr. Brown recommended that the project descriptions for the North Campus Area Study and the West 2nd Street Feasibility Study (Element 202) include language requiring public involvement. Mr. Miller motioned to adopt the UPWP with Mr. Brown's recommendation. Mr. Murray seconded. The vote carried by a vote of the majority, with one abstention from Mr. Hayden.

D. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2009-2012

Mr. Hess presented a draft of the TIP and explained that the Committee does not need to form a recommendation on this document until the next meeting. He also stated that the public comment period began on April 17th and ends on May 16th. The project tables distributed at past meetings, which have remained relatively unchanged, have now been incorporated into the draft document.



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VII. New Business

There was no new business

VIII. Communications from Committee Members

Mr. Brown announced that there will be a presentation on May 20th in Council Chambers from 7pm to 9pm on Smart Growth and Natural Resource Protection.

VI. Upcoming Meetings

- A. Policy Committee – May 9, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)
- B. Technical Advisory Committees – May 23, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)
- C. Citizens Advisory Committee – May 28, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)

Adjournment (~8:15 PM)

*These minutes were _____ by the CAC at their regular meeting held on May 28, 2008.
(RCH 5/28/2008)*